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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE TRIP OF MRS. CARTER TO LATIN AMERICA
AND CARIBBEAN.

1. I SPOKE WITH FOREIGN MINISTER DE LA PUENTE FIRST THING THIS MORNING JUST PRIOR TO HIS ATTENDANCE AT A SPECIAL CABINET MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 10:00 A.M. HE WAS OBVIOUSLY DELIGHTED WITH PROSPECT OF POSSIBLE VISIT TO PERU BY MRS. CARTER ACCOMPANIED BY MRS. VANCE AND PARTY. HIS INTEREST HEIGHTENED WITH THE INFORMATION THAT MRS. CARTER WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES. HE SAID HE WOULD RESCHEDULE A TRIP TO EGYPT PLANNED FOR JUNE 2 TO 5 TO BE ABLE PERSONALLY TO RECEIVE MRS. CARTER AND PARTY. HIS ENGLISH IS EXCELLENT.

2. WE DISCUSSED TENTATIVE SCHEDULING AS FOLLOWS: FIRST OF ALL, I WOULD EXTEND MOST CORDIAL INVITATION TO MRS. CARTER MRS. VANCE AND AS MANY MEMBERS OF THE PARTY AS POSSIBLE TO STAY WITH US AT THE RESIDENCE. THE ALTERNATIVE IS THE SHERATON HOTEL LOCATED ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE EMBASSY (CHANCERY) AND SOME SIX BLOCKS FROM THE RESIDENCE. FOLLOWING AIRPORT ARRIVAL WITH POSSIBLE ARRIVAL STATEMENT AND A BRIEF SESSION WITH THE PRESS, PARTY WOULD PROCEED TO RESIDENCE AND/OR HOTEL TO FRESHEN UP.

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AN INTIMATE WORKING LUNCH COULD THEN BE HELD AT THE RESIDENCE WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER, HIS WIFE AND PERHAPS A SELECTED FEW TOP FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS. DETAILS OF SCHEDULE IN PERU COULD BE REVIEWED AND SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS DISCUSSED.

3. BRIEF REST PERIOD COULD FOLLOW LUNCH WITH AFTERNOON

SCHEDULE FEATURING CALL ON PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ AS WELL AS POSSIBLE VISITS TO GOLD MUSEUM AND MUSEUM OF ANTHROPOLOGY. IN THE EVENING THE FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD OFFER AN APPROPRIATE RECEPTION OR DINNER (WHICH OFTEN INCLUDES PERUVIAN FOLKLORE PRESENTATION) AT TORRE TAGLE, THE BEAUTIFUL COLONIAL BUILDING WHICH HOUSES THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.

4. EARLY SATURDAY MORNING THE PARTY WOULD FLY TO CUZCO, ACCOMPANIED BY THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, MRS. DE LA PUENTE, AND PROBABLY THE FOREIGN MINISTER HIMSELF. MRS. DEAN, WHO IS BILINGUAL AND A SERIOUS STUDENT OF LATIN AMERICAN HISTORY, CULTURE AND ANTHROPOLOGY WOULD ALSO BE HAPPY TO ACCOMPANY. PLANE COULD ARRIVE IN TIME TO TAKE EARLY MORNING TRAIN TO MACHU PICCHU (TRAIN RIDE IS FIVE TO SIX HOURS EACH WAY). ALTERNATIVELY, MRS. CARTER AND PARTY COULD ACCEPT GOP OFFER EXTENDED BY DE LA PUENTE TO USE AIR FORCE HELICOPTER (OR HELICOPTERS) TO MAKE TRIP ONE OR BOTH WAYS BETWEEN CUZCO AND MACHU PICCHU, WHICH WOULD ALSO PROVIDE FOR STOP-OFF IN PISSAC, A POPULATED AREA, IN MANY WAYS AS INTERESTING OR MORE INTERESTING THAN MACHU PICCHU.

5. UPON RETURNING FROM MACHU PICCHU TRIP SATURDAY AFTERNOON, MRS. CARTER AND PARTY COULD HAVE DINNER AND QUIET EVENING AT THEIR HOTEL IN CUZCO (AND DE LA PUENTE RECOMMENDS THE HOTEL MARRIOTT (CASA DE LOS CUATRO BUSTOS), OR COULD ATTEND DINNER OR OTHER FUNCTION (POSSIBLY WITH FOLKLORE SHOW) WHICH WOULD PROBABLY BE OFFERED THEM.

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SUNDAY MORNING COULD PROFITABLY BE USED TO SEE THE MUSEUMS, ART GALERIES AND OTHER SIGHTS OF BEAUTIFUL OLD CUZCO. FOLLOWING LUNCH OR TERMINATION OF AFTERNOON PROGRAM OF SIGHTSEEING, MRS. CARTER AND PARTY WOULD RETURN TO LIMA FOR REST, RELAXATION AND PREPARATION FOR MONDAY MORNING DEPARTURE FROM PERU. ANY UNFINISHED BUSINESS OR CONVERSATIONS IN LIMA COULD BE PURSUED AT RESIDENCE OR OTHER APPROPRIATE PLACE SUNDAY EVENING.

6. OUR AIR ATTACHE TELLS US THAT THE BOEING 727 AND THE C-130 REGULARLY USE THE AIRPORT AT CUZCO. THE RUNWAY IS HARD SURFACE (ASPHALT), 11,100 FEET LONG, AND LOCATED AT AN ELEVATION OF 10,656 FEET. HE ADDS THAT AS A SAFETY MEASURE YOU MIGHT WISH TO CONSIDER FLYING A U.S. AIR FORCE C-130 AND POSSIBLY EVEN A HELICOPTER DOWN FROM PANAMA FOR USE ON THE LIMA, CUZCO, MACHU PICCHU LEG OF THE TRIP. DEAN

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